## **FISCAL NOTE**

## HB 2400 - SB 2616

February 5, 2002

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prohibits businesses from deliberately and intentionally attempting to confuse consumers about contract provisions by changing fees, payments due or charges incurred. A violation of the provisions of this bill is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor under TCA 47-18-104(a).

## **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant

Estimate assumes that:

- any increase in state expenditures resulting from the investigation of violations of the provisions of this bill will not be significant.
- local government impact depends upon the number of persons convicted of this offense and the resulting increased cost to local governments to confine such persons versus the increased revenues to local governments from fines levied and collected under the provisions of this bill.

## **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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